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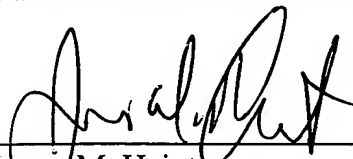
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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants respectfully inquire as to the status of the above-referenced patent application which was filed September 16, 2003. An Updated Filing Receipt mailed June 9, 2005, is the last known correspondence received from the Patent Office.

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